EIGHTH DAY—*Saturday, 3rd November 1928.*

The House re-assembled at 8 a.m.

Before the Proceedings commenced, MR. RAZVI and several other members represented that it was inconvenient for the members to leave the Hall in the midst of discussions to receive their travelling allowances. This procedure also took a long time. In the Legislative Council, the travelling allowance amount was put in a cover and handed over to the member at their seats. They suggested that the same procedure might be adopted in the case of the members of the Representative Assembly also.

THE DEWAN said that the suggestion would be noted.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

BY MR. VENKATASUBBIAH (Hosakote Taluk).—

Q.—2. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many times the pay of officials of each department was enhanced since the last 15 years?

(*b*) Whether the pay of the officials of the Revenue Department has been raised?

(*c*) What action has been taken to raise the pay of the officials of the District, Sub-Division and Taluk Offices?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—2. (*a*) A statement furnishing the information required is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix XIV.)

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Attention is invited to the Government Orders referred to in the statement.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Venkatasubbiah.—

What is the rate of increment given?

First Member of Council.—

A copy of the Government Order will, if necessary, be furnished.

Mr. Venkatasubbiah.—

I mean to say that the District and Taluk Office staff have not had any increment for the last many years.

Dewan.—

We shall consider.

BY MR. VEERASANJEEVEGOWDA (Closepet Taluk).—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted about 25 to 30 years back for the construction of a tank by putting a dam to the Vrishabhavati River near Byramangala in the Closepet Taluk? If so, in what year?

(*b*) What was the tank estimated to cost?

(*c*) In what office is the connected record pending?

(*d*) What amount was spent for the survey and project?

(*e*) Whether they are aware of a petition submitted to the Dewan Sahib two years back in the matter?

(*f*) If so, what action has been taken on that petition?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the raiyats have agreed to pay contribution as required by the Executive Engineer?

(*h*) If so, what is the difficulty in starting the work?

(*i*) Whether they intend commencing the work this year?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—3. (*a*) Yes. Between 1900 and 1906.

(*b*) Roughly estimated to cost Rs. 3,93,901.

(*c*) A fresh project is now ordered to be got up and it is pending in the office of the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.

(*d*) Not possible to say now.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) A fresh project has been called for.

(*g*) Yes. At Rs. 75 per acre.